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SUBJ: ZHUKOV US- SOVIET DETENTE

1. SUMMARY: WRITING IN PRAVDA MAY 15, YURIY ZHUKOV CAREFULLY  
SUMMARIZES SUPPORTATIVE ARGUMENTS FOR BREZHNEV' S CURRENT  
DETENTE INITIATIVES TOWARD US IN ARTICLE APPARENTLY DIGECTED  
NOT ONLY AT GENERAL AUDIENCE BUT ALSO ST THOSE WHO HAVE  
DOUBTS SBOUT WISDOM OF POLICY. ZHUKOV TOUCHES ON MOST LIKELY  
AREAS OF HARDLINE PROTESTATIONS INCLUDING CONTINUED AMERICAN

BOMBING IN CAMBODIA, VIOLATIONS OF PA  
IS AGREEMENT IN VIETNAM, US  
SLOWNESS IN DELIVERING PROMISED MFN STATUS TO USSR AND EXPANDED  
ACTIVITY OF CAPITALIST COMPANIES IN USSR. ZHUKOV INVOKES  
LENIN TO DEMONSTRATE ADVANTAGES OF DETENTE AS WELL AS NEED  
TO BE VIGILANT. END SUMMARY.

2. PRAVDA POLITICAL COMMENTATOR YURIY ZHIKOV PAINSTAKINGLY  
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TRACES RECENT DETENTE INITIATIVES OF SOVIET LEADERSHIP FORM  
LENIN TO BZPEACE POLICY" OF 24 TH PARTY CONGRESS AND FOCUSES ON

RECENT APPROVAL OF LATEST INITIATIVES BY APRIL PLENUM OF  
CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE. IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS WITH  
SSA IS OF HIGHEST PRIORITY IN REALIZING THIS POLICY  
ACCORDING TO ZHUKOV.

3. BREZHNEV'S UPCOMING VISIT TO THE US IN JUNE IS DESCRIBED  
AS OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE. PROSPECTS FOR FURTHER IMPROVEMENT  
IN US- SOVIET RELATIONS ARE TERMED " REAL" IF BOTH COUNTRIES  
FOLLOW GUIDELINES AGREED TO DURING NIXON'S MAY 1972 VISIT  
AND SET OUT IN JOINT US- SOVIET STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES.

4. DOUBTERS ARE MOST DIRECTLY ADDRESSED IN SECTION ENTITLED  
" THE LENINIST APPROACH. ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THERE ARE STILL  
POWERFUL CIRCLES ACROSS THE OCEAN WHO BELIEVE IN DEALING FROM  
" POSITION OF STRENGTH," ZHUKOV NEVERTHELESS INVOKES LENIN  
TO CALL FOR CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH TO WORLD PROBLEMS ALONG WITH  
FIRM RESISTANCE TO IMPERIALIST AGGRESSION, AND A READINESS  
TO DEVELOP MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS RELATIONS WITH COUNTRIES HAVING  
DIFFERENT SOCIAL SYSTEMS WHILE MAINTAINING AN UNCOMPROMISING  
STANCE IN IDEOLOGICAL SPHERE.

5. SOVIET SENSITIVITY CONCERNING EXPANSION OF TRADE WITH  
CAPITALIST COUNTRIES WAS REFLECTED IN " HISTORICAL FACTS"  
CITED BY ZHUKOV INDICATED LENIN'S EAGERNESS TO ESTABLISH  
TRADE WITH CAPITALIST COUNTRIES. ONE ITEM, APPARENTLY DIRECTED  
AT PRESENT LOWER- LEVEL BUREAUCRATIC OBSTRUCTIONISTS OF DETENTE  
DESCRIBED HOW LENIN IN MARCH OF 1922 CHARGED HIS ASSISTANT  
TO FIND OUT PERSONALLY WHETHER VISAS TO AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN  
HAD BEEN GRANTED AS ORDERED AND, IF NOT, TO IDENTIFY THOSE  
SOVIET OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBSTRUCTION SO THAT  
HE COULD METE OUT PUNISHMENT.

6. ZHUKOV LISTS VARIOUS AGREEMENTS ALREADY SIGNED WITH  
AMERICAN COMPANIES TO DEMONSTRATE INFUSIONS OF AMERICAN  
TECHNOLOGY ALREADY OBTAINED, AND SUGGESTS THAT HIS READERS NEED  
ONLY LOOK THROUGH NEWSPAPERS OF LAST MONTH TO SEE HOW FAR  
MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS COOPERATION BETWEEN US AND USSR HAS  
ALREADY DEVELOPED.  
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7. ZHUKOV CONCLUDES WITH IDEOLOGICAL JUSTIFICATION, ASSERTING THAT  
GOVERNMENT AND PARTY ARE FAITHFULLY FOLLOWING FOREIGN POLICY  
BASED ON CLASS LINES, WHICH COMBINES NECESSARY FIRMNESS IN  
DEFENSE OF SOCIALIST INTERESTS WITH REQUIRED DIPLOMATIC  
FLEXIBILITY.  
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